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SUBJECT: SAUDI URGENT ARMS REQUEST: ACCEPTANCE OF US TEAM

THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MINDEF
PRINCE SULTAN:

BEGIN TEXT:

TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR: (SIC), WE HAVE REFERENCE
TO THE TALKS THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN US AND MR. ATHERTON
ON DECEMBER 20, 1975 AT 1100 IN OUR OFFICE IN JIDDA ATTENDED
BY THE AMERICAN CHARGE MR. HUME A. HORAN, GENERAL AHMANN,
MR. JOSEPH HOENIG AND MR. JESSE LEWIS. THE DISCUSSION
COVERED A NUMBER OF MATTERS, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH
CONCERNED SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THE SAUDI ARMED FORCES FOR
MILITARY EQUIPMENT. IN THIS REGARD IT WAS AGREED TO SEND
AN AMERICAN TEAM TO THE KINGDOM TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS.
I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT WE WELCOME
THE ARRIVAL OF SUCH A TEAM WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IT
BE OF A LEVEL HAVING RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY ACCORDED
TO IT TO ENGAGE IN GIVE AND TAKE, TO CONCLUDE DISCUSSIONS
ON THE DETAILS OF EQUIPMENTS AND THEIR TYPES, AND TO PRE-
SENT LETTERS OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE. THE TEAM SHOULD
HAVE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ESTABLISH PRICES AND THE
SHORTEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY TIMES TO MEET OUR NEEDS.
WE HAVE INSTRUCTED THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO FACILITATE

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THE MISSION OF THE TEAM AND TO ARRANGE THEIR RECEPTION

AND WELCOME UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. WE HOPE TO BE INFORMED AT
THE APPROPRIATE TIME OF THE TEAMS ARRIVAL. WITH ALL
BEST WISHES, /S/ SULTAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ, MINISTER OF
DEFENSE AND AVIATION AND INSPECTOR GENERAL. END TEXT.
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